

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the above amendments and the remarks below. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Furthermore, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application.

Claims 1 and 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Moreau et al. (U.S. 7,260,776), hereafter "Moreau." Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Moreau in view of Fry (U.S. 6,880,125). These rejections are defective because Moreau and Fry, taken alone or in combination, fail to disclose each and every feature of the claims as required by 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 103(a).

Regarding amended independent claim 1, and as admitted by the Examiner in the rejection of dependent claim 5, Moreau fails to disclose, *inter alia*, "wherein the function corresponding to said function name associated to said tag belonging to said reference tag table comprises a skip function that allows a parser to automatically skip a determined amount of data following said read tag, the amount of data being either predetermined or being determined by an attribute value." Applicants agree.

In order to remedy the glaring deficiencies of Moreau, the Examiner relies on the disclosure of Fry. In particular, the Examiner equates the above-quoted feature with Fry's programmer-initiated, manual, "skip ahead" XML parsing capability. This is incorrect. In the claimed invention, the "skip function" comprises a function in the "reference tag table," wherein the skip function is associated with a tag in a first column

of the reference tag table, and wherein the skip function uses a set of one or more attributes corresponding to the tag, contained in a second column of the reference tag table. Clearly, the claimed skip function does not correspond in any manner with Fry's programmer-initiated, manual, skip ahead XML parsing capability.

Further, since the Examiner has equated the claimed reference tag table with Moreau "schema," it would follow from the Examiner's argument that Fry's programmer-initiated, manual, "skip ahead" XML parsing capability would have to be incorporated into Moreau's schema in order for the rejection to be tenable. However, this position makes no technological sense and is therefore implausible.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 and its corresponding dependent claims are allowable.

With respect to the dependent claims, Applicants herein incorporate the arguments presented above with respect to the independent claims from which the claims depend. The dependent claims are believed to be allowable based on the above arguments, as well as for their own additional features.

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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